

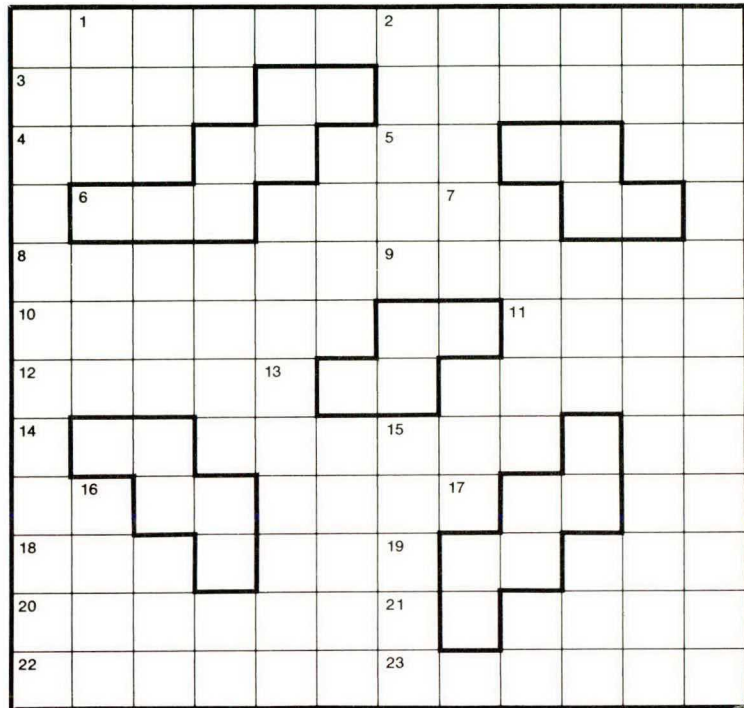
The Atlantic PUZZLER

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The heavy bars in this puzzle are not used to indicate beginnings and ends of clued lights, although they may coincide with them. Instead, the bars are used to isolate a group of related words whose letters are in some state of contiguity. These isolated areas, in the main, constitute a part of us often associated with pleasure.

Only the Down clues (which appear in their normal order) have answer lengths indicated. Only the Across clues have corresponding numbers in the diagram; their placement and the filling of the isolated areas should enable solvers to place the lights for Down clues. Remember that punctuation in the clues may be used deceptively.



ACROSS

1. Meet striking redhead?
2. Pie slice makes corset burst
3. Stop the music!
4. Places for fishing permits
5. *Warships*: a moving drama
6. Les, Tom, Dicky, and Harry
7. Physician has unbound "Guide for the Wizard"
8. Score points with high club
9. Shove, scramble for cover
10. Snowed on falling leaves
11. Delays at borders for at least 48 hours
12. What movers use to push piano
13. Traveled with me, in a way
14. Button, e.g., takes off bra when undone at front and back
15. Girl wears wig backwards, strikingly well!
16. Subtle distinction about Nureyev's dance
17. Paddled quietly in alligator territory

18. Have a craving for pickles
19. What a cowboy throws at air—boom-crangs
20. Things that grow right in the heart of marshlands
21. Outspoken youths are members of the Underground!
22. Due to be shingled
23. Drafters frame wood cuts of fish, e.g.

DOWN

- a. One who settles disputes in Central Park with a ferocious dog (7)
- b. A Protean name: Mr. Triton (6)
- c. Naughty girl has curl not quite in the middle of the head! (7)
- d. Cloddy about a clue (5)
- e. Races around curves and makes noise, letting off steam (6)
- f. A few bars of alchemistic chants (6)
- g. Hearing aid overheard rumbling in the belly (7)
- h. Soviets violate arms code (8)
- i. Shock by getting a rum at rummy (6)
- j. Spinning toy did something curious (6)
- k. Studies pertaining to commercial art (5)
- l. Little ass has love for a big ass? (4)
- m. Little birds have surprising news about king (5)
- n. Top half of Big Sur has gap through the mountains (7)
- o. Melodrama ultimately exhibits hurt (4)
- p. Big swimmer has concealed bloomer (6)
- q. Observe from back: king embracing mistress's head (6)
- r. As frustration mounts, eating swells (5)
- s. Bend down for pole in the bottom of the boat (5)
- t. It is not the way of country folk to pollute (5)
- u. Beginnings of short river among certain stones (5)
- v. Despite incipient heartburn, had some refreshments (4)
- w. A new beginning, with the last decline (4)

Note: The instructions above are the special instructions for this month's puzzle. It is assumed that you know how to decipher clues. For a complete introduction to clue-solving, write to The Atlantic Reprint Department, enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

*The solution to last month's
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